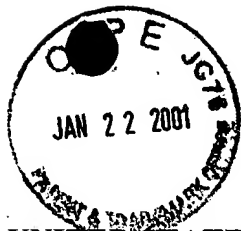


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AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Further to Applicant's Request for Continued Examination, Applicant submits this paper in response to the Office Action mailed August 14, 2000, and requests that the above-identified patent application be amended as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 1, 16 and 17 as set forth below:

1. (Twice Amended) A computer display comprising:
a LCD housing comprising a single, light conducting material;
a light source coupled to the LCD housing;
a LCD coupled directly to the LCD housing;
wherein the LCD housing functions as a light pipe for conducting light from the
light source directly to the LCD and protects the LCD.

16. (Thrice Amended) A computer comprising:
a display panel;
first means for generating light for the display panel; and

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